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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DESIGNATION FORM

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JARON ENNIS : CIVIL ACTION NO.:

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Plaintiff, :

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NOW BOXING PROMOTIONS :

v.

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Defendants.

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Jaron Ennis (hereinafter alternatively referred to as either "ENNIS" or "Plaintiff"), by his attorney, Arnold C. Joseph, Esq., for his Complaint against Defendant, NOW Boxing Promotions (hereinafter alternatively referred to as either "NOW" or "Defendant") states as follows:

PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff, a professional boxer, is a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2. Upon information and belief Defendant is a Nevada resident whose address is 9269 Tournament Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada, who has represented to Plaintiff that it is a licensed boxing promoter.

JURISDICTION

3. This Court has original jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1) because it is a civil action where the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and is between citizens of different states.

VENUE

4. Venue is properly laid in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 (a) (2) because it is a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events and omissions giving rise to Plaintiff's claims occurred. Venue is also

properly laid in this Court because the parties have agreed and consented, through the Contract at issue herein, that venue is properly laid in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

5. In this Complaint Plaintiff, a professional boxer, who is entering the prime of his professional boxing career, seeks declaratory relief declaring that an Exclusive Promotional Rights Agreement (hereinafter the "Agreement"), entered into between Plaintiff and Defendant is void *ab initio* and unenforceable because it is illusory and lacks mutuality of obligation by virtue of various clauses which do not provide specifics with respect to the amount which Defendant is obligated to pay Plaintiff for his participation in Professional boxing matches during the term of the Agreement. Plaintiff also seeks injunctive relief enjoining Defendant from taking any steps to enforce the Agreement and preventing Plaintiff from engaging in professional boxing matches.

Additionally, Plaintiff seeks damages for injuries suffered as a result of Defendant's breach of the Agreement. Specifically, as will be set forth below, the Agreement provided that Defendant was responsible for providing Plaintiff the opportunity to participate in 14 professional boxing matches between January 23, 2019, and May 2023. Defendant, however, only offered Plaintiff the opportunity to participate in 9 professional boxing matches during that period of time. As a consequence, thereof Plaintiff has not been compensated for his participation in those bouts and consequently Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for the amount Plaintiff should have received for his participation in those bouts as well as for the amounts which Plaintiff would have earned from ancillary opportunities which would have arisen had he been given an opportunity to participate in those bouts.

RELEVANT FACTS

The Agreement

- 7. On or about January 23, 2019, in reliance on Defendant's representations that:
 - it was a licensed boxing promoter; and
 - that it was capable of and willing to give Plaintiff the opportunity to participate in a specific number of

professional boxing bouts during the term of the Agreement; and

Plaintiff entered into the Agreement with Defendant. A copy of the Agreement is attached hereto and marked Exhibit A.

- 6. Through the Agreement Plaintiff (defined as "Fighter" therein) granted to Defendant (defined as "Promoter" therein) the exclusive right to promote all of Plaintiff's professional boxing matches during the term of the Agreement, thereby precluding Plaintiff, with very limited exceptions, from participating in bouts scheduled or promoted by any person or entity other than Defendant. (See Exhibit A, ¶¶ 1 and 7).
- 7. The Agreement provides as follows, with respect to its duration:

2. Term

(a) The term of this Agreement (the "term") shall commence on the date hereof and shall continue for the period through May 22, 2023, unless terminated sooner or extended further pursuant to a specific provision of this Agreement.

6. Championship Title Defense Bouts

If during the term of this Agreement and any extension thereof and the three (3) month period following termination of this Agreement for any reason or expiration of the Term, Fighter shall be recognized as world champion in any weight class, either by the WBC, WBA, IBF, WBO, IBO (or an equivalent world title sanctioning body), Promoter shall have the exclusive right and option to promote the Fighter's first Eight (8) title defenses or Bouts subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Fighter's minimum purse for each such Title Defense shall be negotiated.
- (c) The Term of this Agreement shall be extended for such period of time as is required for presentation of the Eight (8) title defenses or bouts: however, such period of time shall not exceed forty-eight (48) months.

(See Exhibit A \P ¶ 2 and 6)

8. The Agreement provides as follows with respect to Defendant's obligations to promote boxing events in which Plaintiff was to participate during the term of the Agreement:

3. Minimum Bouts and Purses

(i) During the first year of this Agreement, Promoter shall offer to Fighter the right to participate in a minimum of Four (4) Bouts.

- (ii) During the second year of this Agreement, Promoter shall offer to Fighter the right to participate in a minimum of Four (4) Bouts.
- (iii) During the third year of this Agreement, Promoter shall offer to Fighter the right to participate in a minimum of Three (3) Bouts.
- (iv) During the fourth year of this Agreement, Promoter shall offer to Fighter the right to participate in a minimum of Three (3) Bouts.

(See Exhibit A ¶ 3)

Defendant's Conduct

9. During the Term of the Agreement Plaintiff has been ready, willing, and able to participate in the number of Bouts specified in the Agreement and has made Defendant aware of his willingness, yet Defendant has only given Plaintiff the opportunity to participate in the following number of bouts:

Year 1	3 bouts
Year 2	2 bouts
Year 3	2 bouts
Year 4	1 bout

- 10. Cameron Dunkin executed the Agreement on behalf of Defendant.
- 11. Upon information and belief Mr. Dunkin was Defendant's owner and/or president.
- 12. Cameron Dunkin died on January 2, 2024.
- 13. On January 15, 2024, an attorney forwarded a letter to Plaintiff advising him that Kellie Dunkin (Cameron Dunkin's widow) has taken over the promotion of Plaintiff pursuant to a Trust dated July 27, 2023.
- 14. To date Defendant has not advised whether Ms. Dunkin or Defendant is a licensed Promoter.
- 15. Plaintiff avers that Mrs. Dunkin has absolutely no experience promoting professional boxing events.
- 16. Plaintiff's last bout took place on July 8, 2023.
- 17. Defendant has failed to offer any bout opportunities since that date.
- 18. During the Term of the Agreement Plaintiff became the World Champion of the IBO and IBF and by operation of paragraph 6 of the Agreement, the Term of the Agreement was extended.

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANT

(Declaratory Judgment of the Agreements lack of enforceability)

19. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained in each foregoing paragraph with the

same force and effect as if more fully set forth at length herein.

20. Paragraph 3 of the Agreement, which places no obligation upon Defendant to perform a task (pay Plaintiff

a specific amount for a bout in which Plaintiff participates), which is the very essence of the Agreement and the

basis of the bargain between Plaintiff and the Defendant, renders the Agreement illusory, lacking in mutual

obligation and therefore void ab initio.

21. Paragraph 6 of the Agreement is vague and ambiguous insofar as it grants to Defendant the unilateral right

to extend the Agreement if Plaintiff either challenges for or wins a World Title of certain specified sanctioning

organizations.

22. Plaintiff avers that those provisions render the Agreement illusory and lacking in mutuality of obligation;

and consequently, the Agreement is void *ab initio*.

23. Defendant has advised Plaintiff that it believes that the Agreement is valid and enforceable, and that Plaintiff

is subject to the terms and obligations thereof.

24. By reason of the foregoing, a justiciable controversy exists between adverse parties, which involves a

substantial legal right of Plaintiff-to wit the right to engage in his chosen livelihood and earn a living; and

Plaintiff therefore seeks a Declaratory Judgment that the Agreement is void ab initio.

WHEREFORE Plaintiff seeks an order and judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendant declaring

that the Agreement is void.

AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANT

(Claim for Breach of Contract)

25. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained in each foregoing paragraph with the

same force and effect as if more fully set forth at length herein.

26. Plaintiff and Defendant are parties to the Agreement.

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- 27. The Agreement provided that Defendant was to provide Plaintiff with the opportunity to participate in at least 14 bouts during the term of the agreement.
- 28. Plaintiff has performed all of his obligations under and pursuant to the Agreement and was and is ready, willing, and able to participate in the requisite number of the bouts provided for in the Agreement.
- 29. Defendant has failed, without excuse, to perform its obligations to promote the requisite number of bouts as required by the Agreement
- 30. As a result of Defendant's breaches, as set forth herein, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer damages in the form of lost compensation and opportunities.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, Plaintiff demands judgment from Defendant in an amount no less than \$1,000,000 and a declaration from the Court that the Agreement is terminated as a result of Defendant's breach.

AS AND FOR A THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION AGAISNT DEFENDANT (Claim for Injunctive Relief)

- 31. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained in each foregoing paragraph with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth at length herein.
- 32. Plaintiff is a professional boxer whose sole source of income is derived from purses which he receives as a result of his participation in professional boxing matches.
- 33. Defendant has refused and continues to refuse, without cause to provide Plaintiff with the opportunity to participate in professional boxing matches as set forth in the Agreement.
- 34. Defendant has refused to allow Plaintiff to participate in bouts promoted by other persons or entities citing as a reason the existence of the Agreement and its terms and conditions.
- 35. Defendant is essentially holding Plaintiff hostage rendering it impossible for Plaintiff to earn a living.
- 36. If Defendant is not given an opportunity to participate in Bouts he will not be able to support himself and he could lose opportunities to fight during the prime of his career and will thus be irreparably harmed.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff seeks an injunction to prevent Defendants from taking any of the following acts:

- Contacting and/or threatening or discouraging any person or entity from entering into any agreement
 with Plaintiff for Plaintiff's participation in professional boxing bouts pending the outcome of the
 instant lawsuit; and
- 2. Taking any actions to prevent Plaintiff from participating in professional boxing bouts pending the outcome of the instant lawsuit or making any attempts to seize garnish or otherwise interfere with

payments which Plaintiff shall receive as consideration for his participation in professional boxing bouts pending the outcome of this lawsuit.

Dated: February 6, 2024

/s/Arnold C. Joseph Arnold C. Joseph, Esq. Joseph & Associates 1801 Market Street. Suite 2500 Philadelphia, Pa., 19103 P (215) 380-8334 F (215) 701-2092 acjoseph8@gmail.com

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues of fact and damages stated

herein.

Dated: February 6, 2024 Philadelphia, Pa.

/s/Arnold C. Joseph Arnold C. Joseph, Esq.

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VERIFICATION

 $I, \textbf{\textit{Jaron Ennis}}, declare \ under \ the \ penalty \ of \ perjury \ that \ the \ foregoing \ is \ true \ and \ correct.$

Signed this ______7thay of February 2024

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